

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Frederick.

DELEGATE FREDERICK: In other words, if the Baltimore City charter provided for election in 1971 and a county charter provided for their election in 1970, further public general law could knock both those provisions out.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hanson.

DELEGATE HANSON: Yes, as Delegate Gallagher explained, this would be the same in the case of any county. It could establish its elections at any time it chose under its charter. However, the General Assembly could by general law at some later time, if it felt it necessary and desirable to do so, reconcile elections and place them all at the same time.

DELEGATE STORM: One further question from Delegate Hanson.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hanson, do you yield to another question?

DELEGATE HANSON: Yes.

DELEGATE STORM: With further reference to your answer to Delegate Frederick's question, did I understand an earlier answer to say that you were quite confident that with the number of votes that the Baltimore City delegation has in the General Assembly and with the desire of the State to satisfy Baltimore City in such a matter that the legislative would never pass any law which would interfere with Baltimore City's desires in this? Was that not correct?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hanson.

DELEGATE HANSON: Mr. Chairman, I wish to compliment the delegate from Frederick County in understanding what I fear I made only implicit in my remarks, but he has brilliantly analyzed those remarks and made quite clear their meaning.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Storm.

DELEGATE STORM: I do not claim any credit like that, but I felt I should calm Delegate Frederick's fear because I can see him being dissatisfied with this excellent amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hanson.

DELEGATE HANSON: Mr. Chairman, I think I could make one short statement that might simplify the thinking here. What this amendment means is that all elections will be at the same time unless the charter of a county, such as that of Baltimore City, or unless the General As-

sembly by public law provides otherwise. The chances are extremely high, I would suggest, that all elections will be at the same time with the exception of Baltimore City.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire to speak in opposition to the amendment? Is Delegate Needle in the room? Will the delegates please take their seats. Two delegates have requested this Committee to consider and discuss amendments to a pending amendment even though they have not been printed. Permission has been refused and this is understandable, at least, in the case of one, and possibly both amendments.

However, I suggest to the Committee that it has not on any previous occasion insisted upon a vote on an amendment in order to cut off the opportunity of any delegate to submit another amendment. The Chair strongly urges that you do not do so at the present time.

If necessary, the Chair will recognize Delegate Needle so that he can submit the matter to a vote. The Chair would much prefer to follow the course it has heretofore followed and suggests that we informally stop talking for ten minutes at which time the amendments will be here. Delegate Borom.

DELEGATE BOROM: Mr. Chairman, if it is permissible, I will withdraw my objection to the amendment Mr. Barrick wants to put to the floor.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well. Delegate Boyce.

DELEGATE BOYCE: Mr. Chairman, I will do the same and withdraw my objection to Mr. Needle if that is what the Chair wishes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Delegate Needle, I take it you would not be willing to embrace Delegate Barrick's amendment in yours so that they could be considered as one? I take it you regard the matter as too important to pass over in that fashion? I am not trying to urge you to do so. I am just trying to find your intent.

DELEGATE NEEDLE: I am not certain how his amendment could be embraced in mine. If you could state that, Mr. President, I would be glad to consider it.

THE CHAIRMAN: I do not believe it can and under the circumstances, the Chair will recognize Delegate Barrick to speak